

ARTS CALENDAR, MAY/JUNE

June 19
Reading: Joe Nickell - 6 p.m., Missoula Art Museum, 406-728-0447

June 20-21
The Last Best Solstice (Art on the River) - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Caras Park and artists' studios, 406-541-0860

June 28-29
"The Little Mermaid" - 3 and 5 p.m., MCT Center for the Performing Arts, 406-728-7529

June 29
Fitz and the Tantrums - 8 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521

Nevada City
May 8-9
Montana Territory History Days - 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Alder Gulch, 406-843-5247

May 24-26
Living History Weekends: The Gold Discovery - Alder Gulch, Montana Heritage Commission, 406-843-5247

May 31-June 1, June 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29
Living History Weekends - Alder Gulch, Montana Heritage Commission, 406-843-5247

Pablo
June 28
People's Art Market - 10 a.m.-3 p.m., People's Center, 406-675-0160

Philipsburg
June 26, 28
The Vaudeville Variety Show - 7 p.m., Opera House Theatre, 406-859-0013

June 27, 29
"Current Economic Conditions" - Opera House Theatre, 406-859-0013

Polson
May 3
Salish Kootenai College Foundation Art Auction and Gala - 5:30 p.m., KwaTaqNuk Resort, 406-275-4820

May 16-18, 23-25
"Once Upon A Mattress" - John Dowdall Theatre, 406-883-9212

Red Lodge
June 12-13, 15
Red Lodge Music Festival Student Recitals - Civic Center, 406-256-5210

Ronan
May 3
Montana A Cappella Society - 7:30 p.m., Ronan Performing Arts Center, 406-676-2427

Seeley Lake
May 22-25
Painting for a Dream - 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Rich's Montana Guest Ranch, 406-677-2317

Sheridan
May 4
"Charlie Russell's Pranks and Stunts as Told by Sid Willis" - 7-8 p.m., Public Library, 406-243-6022

Sidney
June 1
"Montana by Foods: A Taste of the Past" - Mon-Dak Heritage Center, 406-433-3500

June 13-15
Richland County Centennial Celebration - fairgrounds, 406-433-2801

Stevensville
May 2, June 6
First Friday - 6-9 p.m., downtown, 406-777-3773

May 2-4, 9-11, 16-18
"Whistle Down the Wind" - Stevensville Playhouse, 406-777-2722

Three Forks
June 14
"Firearms of the American Frontier Experience" - 7-8 p.m., Missouri Headwaters State Park, 406-243-6022

Vaughn
May 18, June 29
Fiddle Jam - 1-5 p.m., Mary's Midway, 406-467-2866

Virginia City
May 10
"Famous People - Favorite Poems" - 7 p.m., Elling House, 406-843-5507

May 23-25, 28-June 1, June 4-6, June 7-30
The Brewery Follies - Old H.S. Gilbert Brewery, 800-829-2969

May 24
Spring Horseback Poker Ride - 8:30 a.m., Bale of Hay Saloon, 406-843-5700

Summer Kick-off Parade - 1:30 p.m., Main Street, 406-843-5429

May 30-June 1
Daylight Creek Mountain Man Rendezvous - 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Daylight Creek Encampment, 800-829-2969

May 31-June 1, June 3-8, 10-15, 17-22, 24-29
"The Cat and the Canary" - Opera House, 800-829-2969 ext. 2

June 13-15
Irish Weekend - various venues, 406-933-5759

June 21
Grand Victorian Ball - 7 p.m., Community Center Ballroom, 406-682-4935 or 431-0714



Summer Season begins May 23 for the Brewery Follies in Virginia City.

June 27-29
Virginia City Art Show - boardwalk and Community Center, 800-829-2969

Whitefish
May 1, June 5
Gallery Night - 6-9 p.m., downtown, 406-862-5929

May 3-4
Black Curtain Theatre: "Talk of the Town Under the Big Sky" - 7:30 p.m., I.A. O'Shaughnessy Center, 406-862-5371

May 28-31, June 5-7
Cabaret Theatre: "Boeing Boeing" - 7:30 p.m., I.A. O'Shaughnessy Center, 406-862-5371

June 6
Whitefish Review Launch Party and Gary Ferguson Reading - 7 p.m., Lakeshore Tent Pavilion at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, 406-261-6190

June 13-14
The Hit Men - 7:30 p.m., Whitefish Theatre Company, 406-862-5370

Whitehall
June 20
"Penny Postcards and Prairie Flowers" - 8-9 p.m., Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park, 406-243-6022

Wibaux
June 16
"Firearms of the American Frontier Experience" - 6-7 p.m., Wibaux Museum Complex, 406-243-6022

Willow Creek
June 20
Willow Creek Festival - 5-9 p.m., various venues, 406-285-4709

Yellow Bay
May 17
Flathead Cherry Blossom Festival - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Yellow Bay Club House, 406-982-3437

Bozeman
Emerson Center Jessie Wilber Gallery and Lobby: Jennifer Pulchinski, "We," and Jan Elpel, "A Celebration of Life Drawing," May 9-June 27, receptions 5-8 p.m. May 9 and June 13; and Richard Parrish, Barry Hood, Ona Magaro and Kathleen Sheard, "Live Glass: Glass Lives," through May 3; 406-587-9797

Museum of the Rockies: "Geckos: Tails to Toepads," through Sept. 8; 406-994-2251

Nova Cafe: Ryan Mitchell and Allie "Gato" Buck, "Gangbusters and Gato: A Potter and a Painter," through May 14; 406-587-3973

Spanish Peak Gallery: Darla Myers, "innerCIRCLES," through June 2, reception 5-8 p.m. May 2; and Bob Crystal, June 6-30, reception 5-8 p.m. June 6; 406-586-3238

tart in the Emerson Center: Cathy Weber, "Evidence of Flight," through May 7; 406-582-0416

Wild Joe's Coffee Spot: Ellen Kuntz, "Reverie," through May; 406-586-1212

Zoot Art Gallery: Colton Stiffler and Jordan Roberts, "Defying Urban Xperience," June 1-Aug. 31, reception 5-8 p.m. June 12; 406-556-8930

Butte
Carle Gallery in the Butte-Silver Bow Library: Tessa Heck, through May 23; and Martha Cooney's adult student paintings; "Out at the Library," June 3-28, reception 5-8 p.m. June 17; 406-723-3361

Double Lazy S Guitars: Mary Christopher, through May, reception 5-9 p.m. May 2; 406-533-5309

Main Stope Gallery: Ray Campeau, through May, reception 5-9 p.m. May 2; and Lauretta Bonfiglio, June 1-30, reception 5-9 p.m. June 6; 406-723-9195

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MPAA hosts 10th annual show in Hamilton

The Montana Professional Artists Association hosts its 10th annual Art Show and Sale June 13-15 at the Bitterroot River Inn in Hamilton. The event kicks off from 6-10 p.m. Friday with a free old-fashioned barbecue, music, and a first look at artists' displays.

The show continues from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. View oil paintings, pastels, watercolors and bronze sculptures by professional artists from across the state, who offer demonstrations of the various media throughout the weekend.

The three-day event features the entire membership of this unique Montana group. Its membership includes Mari Bolen, Marcia Ballowe, Cynthia Fisher, Ronald Lowery, Michele Kapor, Barbara Michelman, Kathleen Sheard, Joe Thornbrugh and Elene Weege.

For more information, visit www.montanaprofessionalartistsassoc.com or call 406-961-3887 or 406-777-0553.

EXHIBITIONS, MAY/JUNE

Anaconda
Copper Village Museum and Arts Center: "The Japanese Wood Block Prints: An Extension of the Impermanent," May 1-31; and "Irish Archives," June 3-28; 406-563-2422

Big Timber
Two Rivers Gallery: Savoring Spring Fine Art Show, through June 18, reception 5-7 p.m. May 16; and Sweet Grass Summer Fine Art Show, June 20-July 18, reception 5-7 p.m. June 20; both shows feature Ed Totten, Pam Earlywine and Diane Draper; 406-932-4009

Bigfork
Bigfork Museum of Art and History: Members' Show and Sale, through May, reception 5-7 p.m. May 2; Sally Johnsons, David Clough and Greg Thigpen, "Buildings, Birds and Beasts: Works in Wood and Photographs," June 6-July 4, reception 5-7 p.m. June 6; 406-837-6927

Billings
Catherine Louisa Gallery: Jane Waggoner Deschner, "Altered Moments: Work with Found Photographs," through May 14, reception 5 p.m. May 9; 406-670-7746

Sandstone Gallery: John Havener, Sue Hammersmark and Jolene Yellowrobe, May 1-31, reception 5-9 p.m. May 2; Mary Hopper and Mike Carl, June 1-30, reception 5-8 p.m. June 6; 406-256-5837

Western Heritage Center: "Secret Life of Artifacts: Native American Design,"

through Dec. 20; "Montana Modern: Exploring Our State's Modernist Architecture," through June 7; and "Echoes of Eastern Montana: Stories from an Open Country," ongoing; 406-256-6809

Yellowstone Art Museum: Crow Agency Exhibition, through May 25, reception 1-3 p.m. May 10; "Stunning European Loans," through May; works by Joseph Henry Sharp and C.M. Russell, through July; "Face to Face, Wall to Wall," through Aug. 24; "Un/Conscious Bent: A Survey of Regional Surrealism," through Aug. 20; and "Boundless Visions," ongoing; 406-256-6804



Cathy Weber's porcelain nest birds will be on display at tart gallery in the Emerson through May 7.